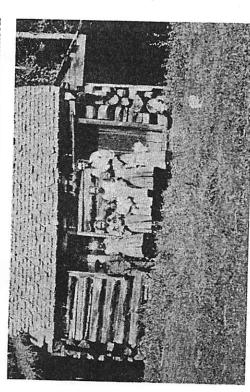
three logs across the room forming several bunks. beds were fitted with straw ticks.3

The table and benches that constituted the common



Example of early log cabin, built by John Ulrich Probst, Sr. and his son Jacob at Midway.

items of furniture were made of slabs and at times there would be some especially prized item, such as a cupboard floors were dirt for the most part, although wooden The fireplace was used both Borrowing fire was John Huber notes that the family who raised the first smoke in the morning could for heating and cooking; and since matches were unobtainable, the pioneers started fire with flint or borcount on someone immediately coming in with a fire which the family had carried across the plains. rowed a light from their neighbors. floors were not unknown. an early morning ritual.

Wagener," MSS, (Daughters of Utah Pioneers Historical Collec-\*Dorothy Holmes, "Personal Interview with Henry ion, Heber City, 1933)

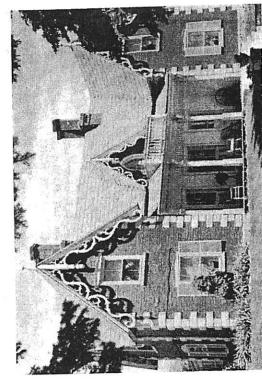
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Bread was baked in the family bake-oven placed in front Candles or a rag burning in a pan of grease shovel to get some glowing coals. 'Sagebrush was commonly burned in the fireplace, and the pioneer mother did her cooking over the open fire in kettles and griddles. served for light at night. of the fire.

to ease the food problem, although bears came into the The early accounts mention lean hard years during this period. Potatoes, bread, and garlic soup were common fare. Wild game was plentiful though, and served field and grubbed for carrots and other vegetables.5

and fall of 1859 nearly all of the freight trains supplying Camp Floyd passed through the valley, taking advantage Clothing was also a great problem. In the summer

(Daughters 0), p. 2. 'Crook, "History of Wasatch County," op. cit., p. 16. 'John Huber, "History of Midway Ward," MSS, (of Utah Pioneers Historical Collection, Heber City, 1920)



First brick home built in Wasatch County. Built by John Watkins. Now owned by Bishop Henry T. Coleman, Midway, 1868.